## HONOR TO THE DEAD.

THE LEGISLATURE ORDERS FLAGS PLACED AT HALF-MAST.

## PRAISE FOR CONSUL-GENERAL LEE.

Resolution Commending His Courage Adopted-Senatorial Primary

Discussed-Effects of Alcohol to Be Taught-Judge Elected.

The Senate and House yesterday adopted a joint resolution, directing that the national and State flags on the Capitol be displayed at half-mast, as a mark of honor to the memory of the Virginians who went down with the Maine in Habana harbor. In the same connection, a resolution was adopted heartily com-

mending Consul-General Fitzhugh Lee. A good portion of the day in the Senate was devoted to the discussion of the senatorial primary bill, which went over

The House, after a long discussion, passed the bill requiring the effects of alcoholic drinks upon the human system to be taught in the public schools, A number of measures of a local nature were passed in each house.

#### The Day in the Senate. Rev. George Cooper, D. D., made the

opening prayer, with, perhaps, a dozen senators present. They came in rapidly, however, and in a short while there were few seats vacant, The following bills were presented:

By Mr. Mushbach (No. 496): To incorporate the town of Rosslyn, in Alexandria county, which was passed, under suspen sion of the rules. By Mr. Mcllwaine (No. 497): To amend

the charter of the city of Petersburg. By Mr. Kane (No. 435): To authorize the

Town Council of Norton from and after the expiration of the term of the incumbent to appoint a town sergeant for said town annually. By Mr. Kane (No. 459); Authorizing the

Gladeville School District, in Wise county, to issue bonds to pay for the erection or n school-house in the said district, at Norton. By Mr. Sands (No. 500): To amend the

charter of the Richmond Eye, Ear and Throat Dispensary and Infirmary.

By Mr. Hartley (No. 404): For the protection of game, and to prohibit the discharge of firearms between the hours of sunset and sunrise upon the waters of the Commonwealth in the counties of Chesterfield, Prince George, and Charles City. (Placed on the calendar.) By Mr. Mushbach (No. 506): To incorpo

rate the Lee Fire-Insurance Company of Alexandria, (Placed on the calendar.) By Mr. Flood (No. 505): To incorporate the Howardsville Toll-Bridge Company (Placed on the calendar,)
By Mr. LeCato (No. 501): To permi

George F. Parramore to build a bridge neross King's creek, in Northampton county By Mr. St. Clair (No. 502): To amend an

act authorizing the trustees of Chatwood School District, in Dickenson county, to issue bonds for the completion of their school building. By the same (No. -503): To declare in

full force an act to provide a new charter for the town of Clintwood. JUDGE BLACKSTONE ELECTED.

The Senate agreed to the House resolution for the election of a Judge of the Eighth Circuit at 12:45 o'clock, and when this hour arrived Mr. LeCato presented the name of Judga J. W. G. Blackstone, of the County Court of Accomac.

Mr. Barnes, who was a candidate for

the judgeship, but who was defeated by Judge Blackstone in caucus, seconded the nomination of Judge Blackstone in a and eloquent speech, paying a beautiful tribute to the late Judge Gunter, whom Judge Blackstone succeeds, that elicited the heartiest applause, a very unusual thing in the Senate

SENATORIAL PRIMARY BILL

The senatorial primary bill was taken up at 1:10 o'clock, and Mr. Barksdale began his speech advocating the passage of the bill, despite the adverse report of the committee. He said the bill was aimed at nobedy, and was framed in no-body's interest. It was an effort to give the people, by indirection, what could not be given them directly-the right of electing their senators, instead of allow-

ing them to be chosen by the Legislature He alluded to the fact that the Unite-Senate had become a millionaire's club, and the home of corporation law yers. The measure was demanded by the people. The experience of legislatures in other States, where scandals of enormous magnitude had arisen in connection with the election of senators, showed the need of the change. He did not know what the Senate would do with the bill, but he knew that its rejection would not end the fight; in the next campaign the principle would be an issue, and every court-green would be a battle-ground. HOW IT ORIGINATED.

"We know how the method of choosing we know how the inchool of choosing senators by legislatures originated," said Mr. Barksdale. "We know in those days, when the republic was an experiment, that the fathers were afraid the people would run mad with liberty, and wanted a check put upon them. Would any man a check put upon them. Would any man say now the people could not be trusted? You had just as well say the county boards of supervisors should elect mem-bers of this Senate. Are not the people of the State at large as worthy of trust

se of individual counties? "I know it is going to be urged that the senio." Senator from Virginia, whom we all revere and love, opposed this plan in the State convention? He did, but he did the State convention? He did, but he did so on the ground that it was experimental. He did not say 'it was in principle wrong and usjust.'" In conclusion, Mr. Barksdale said the Senata of the United States had descended almost to the level of dollars and cents; he wanted sent to that body men who were chosen by the people they represented.

OBJECTIONS TO THE BILL.

Mr. Wickham said he thought the Sena tor from Halifax had spoken like a mar riding for a fall, and was surprised that he had not concluded his speech by withdrawing the bill. Mr. Wickham took up the bill in detail, attacking what he termed the firemediable defects of the measure, the first of which was that it destroyed the constitutional secrecy of the ballot. Alluding to the color of the various party tickets proceed to take bandt. Alluding to the color of the various party tickets proposed to be used in the primaries—red for the Democratic ticket, yellow for the Republican—he supposed green would be adopted for the Populist ticket. "Had I been selecting the colors, Mr. President, I should have chosen white for the Democrats black

the colors, Mr. President, I should have chosen white for the Democrats, black for the Republicans, green for the Populists, and so on." (Laughter.)

Continuing, Mr. Wickham said the bill was directly opposed to the Parker election law—a Democratic law—in that, by having colored tickets, the quast edges. tion law—a Democratic law—in that, by having colored tickets, the quasi educational qualification of the Parker election law was done away with. He thought the adoption of such a plan would tend to disrupt the party, in that it would divide the Democracy of the State Into two hostile camps, and engender feeling so strong that Republican victory might result. Mr. Wickham discussed the fight in the convention which framed the national Constitution, showing that the proan the convention which framed the national Constitution, showing that the provision for choosing senators by Legislatures—two from each State—was suggested by the Connecticut deputies, and through the unanimity of the representatives from all the other smaller States, was enabled to have adopted the idea and engrafted into the Constitution. He read a latter written from Paris to read a letter written from Paris by Thomas Jefferson to his friend, James Madison, highly commending this feature of the Constitution, and alluded to simi-

iar opinions expressed by other of the great men of that time.
"I cannot believe the Senate of Virginia will be so foolish as to refuse to follow the wise example of the fathers who made the Constitution."

LET THE PEOPLE SAY.

Mr. Blakey said he wished to compil-ment the Senator from Hanover upon having fought the bill so fairly, he had having fought the bill so have the hever liefore heard any man oppose the principle. He said he knew the people wanted such a law; he had faith in the wisdom of the people who sent him here. "Suppose they had sent the other fel-

"Suppose they had sent the other feilow," said Mr. Eggleston.
"They demonstrated their wisdom by
sending me," said Mr. Blakey, which
aroused much laughter.
Mr. Blakey continued for a few minutes,
commending the provisions of the bill.
At the conclusion of Mr. Blakey's
speech, at 2:35, the further consideration
the bill was passed by until 12:30 toof the bill was passed by until 12:30 to-

FROM THE GOVERNOR.

A message was received from the Gov-ernor relative to the settlement of the boundary line between Virginia and Mary-The Governor also communicated the

resignation of Hon. J. W. G. Blackstone, as Judge of the County Court of Accomac. During the delivery of Mr. Wickham's speech on the senatorial primary bill, Mr. Bland reported from the House a joint resolution directing that the State and national flags on the Capitol be displayed at half-mast for twenty-four hours, as a mark of respect to the mem-ory of the Virginians who perished in the Maine disaster. The Senate concurred in the resolution. 2:35 the chair was vacated until 4

#### The Afternoon Session.

The chair was resumed at 4 o'clock. with more members present than when the morning session began.

Mr. Wickham reported from the Finance Committee an amendment to the bill taxing telephone companies, which was, in effect, that companies having 600 transmitters or less should pay 50 cents on each; over 600 and under 1,000 a tax of 75 cents each; over 1,000 and under 2,000 a tax of \$1 each; 2,000 and over \$1.50 each. After some discussion the bill was passed as amended.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Keezell (No. 507): To provide for the protection of mountain trout in the waters of Rockingham county.

By Mr. Jackson (No. 508): To legalize primary elections and conventions in the of Clarke and Warren.

By Mr. Maynard (No. 509); To relieve the Baltimore, Cincinnati, and Western Railroad Company from any forfeiture which may have secured from failure to complete its railway within a certain time, and to extend that time. By same (No. 516): To authorize the

School Trustees' Electoral Eoard of Norfolk county to increase the number of district school trustees in Washington Magisterial District.

SENATE BILLS PASSED. No. 104-To amend tax law relating to

No. 145-To incorporate the Virginia

Sugar Refining Company.

No. 346-To provide a charter for the Consolidated Railway and Electric Com-No. 413-To authorize the consolidation

of the Richmond and Petersburg Rail-road Company and the Petersburg Railroad Company. SUGAR REFINING COMPANY BILL

Mr. Eggleston made a strong speech ginia Sugar Refining Company. He at-tacked bitterly the provisions of the bill. which proposed to hire the company not less than 100 convicts. He said:

Under bills having objects similar to that of this one-the internal development of the State-I have seen one by one the most splendid pieces of property the State possessed pass into the hands of corporations. I have seen the State's interest in the Richmond and Danville railroad go to a corporation; I have seen the State's interest in the old Southside railread go to a corporation; I have seen the State's interest in the Virginia Central railroad go to a corporation; I have seen the James River and Kanawha canal go to a corporation. You have all seen this done, until to-day all that is left the State is the penitentiary, her Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac stock-now on the way to the pawnshop—and the debt. This bill now proposes to take away the peni-

that is paying.

He said the bill reminded him very much of his boom-day experiences, when I a silk hat, an idea under it, and a celbuloid collar, were all that was needed to capitalize anything. He declared that under this bill the convicts would be used for almost any purpose, and the com-pany, by forfeiting its bond of \$10,000

ced never raise a sugar beet. The bill passed by a vote of 22 to 8. The Senate ordered to engressment number of bills, among them a large batch for the relief of disabled Confederate sol-diers, and adjourned at 7:05 o'clock.

## House of Delegates.

Speaker Ryan called the House to or-

fer at noon, and prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Morehead. Colonel Bigger read a letter from Hon J. W. Balley, in which the latter accepts the invitation tendered him to address

the General Assembly on Tuesday next on the political issues of the day. COMMENDS FITZ LEE.

Mr. Murphy, of this city, offered the following, which was agreed to: Be it Resolved (1) That the Legisla ture of Virginia recognizes with pleasure the wise courage with which Fitzhugh Lee is guarding the interests of American citizens amid the difficulties of the

(2) That it feels a just pride in the brave conservatism which he has shown in maintaining the dignity and the rights of the United States and the perplexities of that conflict.

(3) That in the name of Virginia they extend to him, as one of her sons, this recognition of a duty well done for the benefit of our whole country.

FLAGS AT HALF MAST.

Mr. Bland, of Portsmouth, ofered the following, which was received with applause and unanimously adopted:
Whereas, the General Assembly of Virginia has learned with profound regret of the disaster to the United States steamship Maine, in the harbor of Habana, Cuba; and, whereas, among the victims of that appalling explosion were twenty or more Virginians; and inasmuch as the United States has ordered the national flag to be placed at half-mast as a mark of grief and respect to the dead; there

Resolved by the House of Delegates of Resolved by the House of Person.
Virginia (the Senate concurring), That
the national and State flags over the State
Capitol be lowered to half-mast for
twenty-four hours as a mark of respect
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twenty-four hours are twenty-four hours and twenty-four hours are twe to the Americans who perished at their post of duty, and especially to the Virginia victims of the catastrophe

CONSTITUTION COMMISSION. Three joint resolution were offered

arrying out the suggestion of Governo Tyler in his special message that a com-mission be appointed to consider the general subject of constitutional reform They were all referred to the specia ommittee on Retrenchment and Reform. The resolution offered by Mr. Campbell, of Amherst, provides that the Governor be empowered to appoint an interim con-stitutional commission, consisting of ten members, who are to receive a compen-sation of \$150 each for their sation of \$150 each for their services and the necessary expenses. This commission shall put the proposed amendments to the Constitution in the shape of bills, which are to be reported to the next regular session of the Legislature or to an extra session, if there should be one The commission shall meet at the call of the Governor and at such time and place as he may designate. They shall empley a clerk, who is to receive the same compensation as the members of the

Quesenberry, of Caroline, offered a Dr. Quesenberry, of Caroline, offered a resolution providing that a commission be appointed by the Governor, its number and compensation to be decided on later. The members of the commission shall be selected as far as possible from the five grand divisions of the State and shall be composed of not over two thirds from





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## THALHIMER'S.

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any one political party. They shall meet at the call of the Governor to revise the

Mr. Early's resolution was as follows:
Be it resolved by the House of Delegates (the Senate concurring), That the
Governor be, and is hereby, authorized to appoint fifteen able and intelligent citi-zens, one of whom shall be from each congressional district of the State, and five from the State at large, not more than two thirds of said commission shall be from any one of the political partie; who shall constitute a commission on constitutional revision and amendment of the Constitution of Virginia.

2. That said commission shall meet in the city of Richmond within twenty days after notification of their appointment and organize for the discharge of their duties, which will be to revise and amend the Constitution of the State of Virginia in such respect as shall seem to them 3. That said commission shall complete

its work within a reasonable time, and when completed, shall report the same to the Governor, who shall thereupon con-vene the General Assembly of Virginia to consider and act upon the said report and amendments therein suggested, and adopt or amend them, as shall appear to 4. Said commission may employ on

clerk at a salary not exceeding \$100 per month

5. That the Governor shall cause a suitable room to be provided for said commission, and all necessary stationery, 6. That said members of said commis-sion shall receive \$150 for their services and mileage, as a member of the General Assembly.

These resolutions shall be in force from their passage. DEPARTMENT OF BANKING.

Mr. Hicks introduced a bill to establish

a department of banking and to provide for the election of a superintendent thereof. The department is to be charged with the execution of all laws now in force, or which may be enacted hereafter, relative to the business of banking, savings, trust guarantee safe deposit, indemnity, mortgage and loan corporations, building and loan associations or-ganized under the laws of Virginia, or licensed to do business therein. The chief officer of said department is to be denominated the superintendent of banking and insurance, and shall be elected by the General Assembly for a term of four No person shall hold the office of super-

with the management or control of any corporation affected by this act. The said superintendent shall receive an annual salary of \$2,500, and shall be empowered to employ from time to time such clerks, agents, and employees may be necessary for the proper discharge of the duties of his office. BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

Mr. T. D. Jennings introduced a bill to amend the act providing for a Board of Agriculture, and making an appropriation therefor. The measure provides that the fees collected from the registration and inspection of fertilizers shall be set apart for the support and main-tenance of the Department of Agriculture, and that the annual appropriation of \$10,000 as now provided shall be discon-

DEEP RUN RAILWAY COMPANY. Mr. Maupin introduced a bill to incorpo ate the Deep Run Rallway and Electric Company. The corporators are T. A. Cary, W. M. Parrish, A. V. Shelton, Warren H. Mercer, T. D. Newell, R. A. Patterson, and A. R. Courtney. The company s empowered to erect an electric plant in the city of Richmond or the county of Henrico, and to operate a street railway in the said city or county, or both, after having secured the permission of the Council or County Court, as the requirements of the case may demiand. The capital stock is not to be less than \$5,000 nor more than \$50,000, divided into shares

ADD TO THE STATE FARM. Mr. Browning introduced a bill to au-thorize the Superintendent of the Virginia Penitentiary to lease or purchase farm-land, adjoining or convenient to the State farm, in the county of Goochland. The measure sets forth that as the peniten-tiary is overcrowded, therefore, the Superintendent be instructed to purchase or least not exceeding 1,500 acres of land at a price not exceeding \$25,000.

OTHER BILLS INTRODUCED. The following bills were introduced and referred to the proper committees:
By Mr. Blanton: For the relief of E. B. Lee, S. B., Powers, L. G. Listergreen, Fannie Allen, J. G. Rowe, and Latham Brooks, citizens of Cumberland county. By Mr. Gwyn: To appropriate \$10,000 to the Southwestern State Hospital for the erection of additional buildings. rection of additional buildings. Mr. Wharton: For the relief of muel McDaniel, a Confederate solder.

By Mr. Cooke: To provide when courts may grant relief against sale; when and what notice, Mr. Watson: For the relief of W E. F. Robertson, of Pittsylvania county By Mr. Pilcher: To relieve Mrs. W. H.

Jennings, of an erroneous assessment of By Mr. Hicks: For the relief of W. C.

Berry, a Confederate soldier. By Mr. Hale: For the relief of Thomas By Mr. Hicks: For the relief of J. B Kissier, a disabled Confederate soldier.

PLACED ON THE CALENDAR.
The following bills were introduced

and, under suspension of the rules, placed on the calendar: By Mr. Cooke, of Norfolk: To authorize the councils of the city of Norfolk to issue bends for the erection, repair, or rebuilding of a bridge over Smith creek.

By same: To provide for the collection by the Clerk of the Corporation Court of

certain fees of the Commissioner of the Revenue in the city of Norfolk, and fo the payment of the same to the Commis sioner of the Revenue by the Clerk.

By Mr. Willard, of Fairfax: To amend and re-enact sections 2, 3, and 5 of an act approved January 14, 1879, to incor-porate the town of Herndon, in the coun-By Mr. Walker, of Augusta: To provide

R. Dos Passos of a wharf at Lynch's Point, in the Wicomico river, in the county of Westmoreland. By Speaker Ryan, of Loudoun: To incorporate the Loudoun County Savings

Bank and Trust Company. By Mr. Watson, of Pittsylvania: In re-lation to what lines in the county of Pittsylvania shall be a lawful fence.

THE RIVER A FENCE On motion of Mr. Campbell, of Amherst, House Bill No. 506 was taken up out of its order. It provides for an amendment of the Code in regard to making the Me-herrin river a lawful fence between Southampton and Greenesville counties. Mr. Parker, of Southampton county, advocated the measure, which was opposed

by Mr. Chaplin, of Greenesville.

After a good deal of discussion as to fence or no fence, the House declined to send the bill to its engrossment and third reading. On motion of Mr. Campbell the vote was reconsidered, and Mr. Chap lin then moved to strike out the amend ment originally offered by Mr. Parker i regard to the Meherrin river as a fenc between Southampton and Greenesvill counties.

This was agreed to, and the bill was

then ordered to its engrossment and third reading. It now provides only that the James river shall be a lawful fence be tween Amherst and Bedford counties.

House Bill No. 499 came up as a special order, and Mr. Winborne, of Rockbridge, explained that it was a companion bill to the one passed on the previous day, which reduces the fees of court officers in misdemeanor cases under certain con-The bill was passed by a vote of 57 to 16. On motion of Dr. Fitzpatrick, of Nelson

House Bill No. 544, prohibiting unjust dis crimination on the part of common car riers, was taken up out of its order and made a special order for next Saturday at 1 o'clock.

ELECTION OF JUDGE.

The House proceeded, at 12:20 o'clock with the election of a judge for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, Judge John G. W. Blackstone was placed in nomination by Mr. Matthews, and was seconded by Mr. Powell. Messrs. Elswick and Wilson were appointed on the joint committee to canvass the vote, which in a few min utes they reported as being 112, and the Speaker declared Judge Blackstone duly elected to fill the unexpired term.

A message was received from the Gov-ernor in regard to the boundary line between Virginia and Maryland, and was referred to the Finance Committee.

THE EFFECT OF DRINK. The bill in regard to the teaching is public schools of the effect of alcholidrinks upon the human system came at 1:30 o'clock as a special order, and Mr Maupin offered for the measure a substi tute that provides that this study sha be taught at least four times be taught at least four times a week, and that any teacher failing to do so shall have his or her license re-voked. The substitute was approved. Mr. Maupin said, by sixty-nine out the 100 school superintendents of the State.

and by nearly every religious body.

Mr. Duke said the substitute was really
the same bill that had been three or four times considered by the Committee on Schools and Colleges, and the body had refused to report it, but had drawn up a measure embodying in the genera

law that the effect of alcohol on the buman system should be taught in the public schools. Judge Watkins was heartily in favor o Mr. Maupin's substitute. He thought the argument that the proposed study should be put upon the same footing with others and not emphasized, was a very poor on Why should it not be made prominent There was a necessity for it, because the other studies were recognized, while ther was some opposition to the one proposed

Mr. Carrington opposed the bill. What know about the effect upon the humar system of alcoholic drinks? What did they know about hygiene or any other kind of 'giene? They knew about the jeans their dresses were made of, and that was all. Why teach the bright-eyed county school-girl about laws as to health, when the color in her cheeks was sufficient to show that certainly she pos-sessed it? There was no need of teaching that which they had.

NO NEED OF IT.

Mr. Switzer favored the substitute. The people of the country wanted the enatt-ment of such a law, and he did not see why they should not have it. Mr. Diggs, who is the patron of a bill on the same who is the patron of a bill on the same line, but which also provides that the text-books shall be let out to the lowest bidder, said he favored the substitute, and believed the people of his county wanted it. He was willing that his bill should be passed by in order that the substitute might be considered. Then he could bring up his measure, with the provision as to alcoholism stricken out. Mr. T. D. Jennings was heartily in favor of the substitute, as was also Mr

Carter. The latter was surprised that so many men, whose hairs were gray, should be opposing this measure. The hour of 2:30 arrived before Mr. Carter finished his speech, and the chair was vacated, the Delegate from Scott being

The Afternoon Session. Speaker Ryan called the House to order at 4 o'clock, and Mr. Maupin amended

entitled to the floor when the body again

his substitute by striking from it the provisions requiring that hygiene and physiology be taught, and the provision requiring the teacher's license to be revoked if they do not pass a satisfactory examination on the subject.

Mr. Carter then concluded his remarks

Mr. Carter then concluded his remarks in favor of the substitute.

Mr. Campbell, of Amherst, <sup>4</sup>eclared that the committee had given the advocates of the bill exactly what they asked for, and he hoped the House would vote down the substitute and pass the original Mr. Craig thought it was foolish to

Mr. Craig thought it was foolish to endeavor to teach children a subject they couldn't understand. They should not be taught the effect of alcoholism until they were at least 12 years of age.

Dr. Winston was in favor of the substitute. He knew the evil effects of the use of liquor, and the physicians throughout the land knew it, but that did not deter them from being drunkards. They were as much addicted to the use of liquor as the members of the legal profession. However, he was in sympathy with the for working the roads, repairing bridges, and opening new roads in the county of Augusta, and repealing so much of the acts as affects the county of Augusta.

By Mr. Walker, of Northumberland: Tot However, he was in sympathy with the

movement, and would vote for it, in the hope that it would bring good results.

Mr. Wallace was opposed to the bill, to say nothing of the substitute. He thought that to carry out the purpose for which the measure was framed it was not necessary to resort to the public schools. The latter, as it was, had enough to do to teget the studies that were absolutely.

to teach the studies that were absolutely needed to complete a child's education.

THE SUBSTITUTE DEFEATED. The pending question was called, and he substitute was defeated by a vote of the substitute was deteated by a vote of 0 to 34, recorded as follows: Yeas-Messrs. Anderson, Barley, Charles T. Bland, George C. Bland, Booker,

Diggs, Folkes, Garnett, Tipton D, Jennings, Jones, Jordan, Kizer, Ligan, Lovelace, Matthews, Maupin, Murchy, Newberne, Parker, Pilcher, Saunders, Charles Smith, J. P. Smith, Stoner, Stubbs, Switzer, Thomas, Watkins, Watson, J. W. Williams, Winston, Withouse, P. S. Williams, Winston, Withouse, P. S. Watkins, Watson, J. W. Williams, Winston, Withouse, P. S. Watkins, Watson, J. W. Williams, Winston, Withouse, P. S. Watkins, Watson, J. W. Williams, Winston, Withouse, P. S. Watkins, Watson, Williams, Winston, Withouse, P. S. Watkins, Watson, J. W. Williams, Winston, Withouse, P. S. Watkins, Watson, J. W. Williams, Winston, Withouse, P. S. Watkins, Watson, P. S. Watkins, Watson, P. S. Watkins, Watson, P. W. Williams, Winston, Withouse, P. S. Watkins, Watson, P. S. Watkins, Watson, P. S. Watkins, Watson, P. S. Watkins, Watson, P. Watkins, Watson, P. Watkins, Watson, P. Watkins, Watkins, Watson, P. Watkins, son, J. W. Williams, Winston, Withrow, Wood, and Speaker Ryan-34.

Nays-Messrs, Allen, Blakemore, Bonz, Caldwell, C. J. Campbell, Chaplin, Churchman, Clarke, Craig, Darnall, Early, Elswick, Embrey, Featherston, Fitz-patrick, Galleher, Garrett, Goad, Gwyn, Hale, Hanson, Hatcher, Hicks, C. Jennings, Owen, Palmer, Passmore, Reddy, Settle, Surgener, Taylor, Turner, Tur-pin, Wallace, C. Harding Walker, Silas H. Walker, Wellford, Wharton, Willard, William G. Williams, and Winborne-i0. The question then came up on a substitute, offered by Mr. Diggs, with pro-

visions not only as to the teaching of the effects of alcoholism, but also requiring that civil government be taught, and that all text-books used in the public schools shall be let out to the lowest bidder. This substitute was defeated by a vote of 40 to 20, and the bill, as framed by the committee, was passed,

PASS THE DIGGS BILL.

Bill 355, known as the Diggs bill, to which reference has just been made, was then offered by Mr. Stubbs as his substitute for the measure which the Dele-gate from King William did not seem inclined to again present. Mr. Diggs accepted the situation, and said that he would accept it, and it was passed. This ratify and confirm the erection by John measure, as amended by striking out the provisions in regard to teaching the effect of alcohol, provides that it shall be the duty of the Board of Education, in the month of June, 1898, and every four years thereafter to select and adopt a list of books which shall be taught in the publi schools for the ensuing four years. lists so selected shall contain at three (or more) different books of differ ent authors, of each subject in section 1497, and other subjects to be taught in the public free schools as may be pro-vided by the Board of Education. The Board of Education, in making selections of books for the State list, shall have due regard to quality, workmanship, literary value, and price. The list so selected and adopted shall be published once a week for four successive weeks in some newspaper published in the city of Rich-mond, together with a notice that the Board of Education, up to and including a day to be named in said notice, will re-ceive sealed bids to furnish any book or books on said list to the public free schools of the State. On the day named, the said Board of Education, having due regard to quality, workmanship, literary value, and price, shall award the contract for the ensuing four years to the person firm, or corporation making the lowest bid: provided, that not more than one series of text-books of the three or more books approved on each subject men-tioned shall be adopted. Suitable books for supplementary use in the public fre schools of this State may also be selected by the Board of Education, to be adver-tised for and contracted for as hereinbefore provided. No bid shall be received fore provided. No bid shall be reserved until a bond in a penalty to be prescribed by the Board of Education, with good security, shall be executed by the person, firm, or corporation for the faithful execution of said contract; and, provided. also, that the board may, in its discre tion, reject any and all bids submitted,

and advertise, as hereinbefore directed, for further blds. THE STATE BANK BILL.

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Mr. Watkins's bill in regard to allowing State banks to issue notes payable in silver bullion, came up, after a motion to pass it by had been defeated.

Judge Watkins said there was a need of currency in the country. The passage of the bill would do away with the 10 per cent, tax on the issue of such banks. Georgia had adopted a similar law, and it was working well in that State. In Scotland there were about 143 banks running on the same system as proposed ning on the same system as proposed under his bill. He thought that the trouble with the money to-day was the lack of the metallic basis to redeem it. He did not believe that the silver basis would ever come to the ever come to this country except by edu cation. He thought that there must be cation. He thought that a sufficient amount of redemption money for the paper obligations that were out, in order to make the currency of the

make the currency of the country stable Judge Watkins then yielded to a motion to adjourn, and will be entitled to the floor to-day, when the discussion will be

renewed. SENATE BILLS PASSED.

The following Senate bills were passed: To authorize the Council of the city of Norfolk to issue bonds for the erection, repair, or rebuilding of a bridge over Smith's creek.

To incorporate the town of Rosslyn, in the county of Alexandria.

HOUSE BILLS PASSED. To provide for the annual meeting of of the School Beard in Franklin county, and their report to the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

To change and amend the charter of the Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association.

To incorporate the Blobmond and the Charter of the Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association.

To incorporate the Richmond and Petersburg Electric or Steam Railroad To amend and re-enact an act entifled an act prohibiting the running at large of

hogs and sheep within a certain district in Prince William county, as amended and re-enacted by an act approved Febamend and re-enact section 606 of the Code of Virginia, in reference to the form of list, and oath to be made by Treasurer in returning lists of uncollected

taxes and delinquent.

To prescribe the mode in which clerks of courts shall keep a record of all taxes and other public moneys collected by them and to require them to pay the same into

the Treasury.
For the establishment of district high schools in the county of Rockbridge.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR. A Large Number of Bills Signed by His Excellency Yesterday. The following bills were approved by

the Governor yesterday:
To prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within two miles of the city of Ruena Vista To amend and re-enact section 886 of the Code, relating to payment of costs and expenses in prosecutions for va-

To amend and re-enact an act to

regulate and license pawnbrokers, and to regulate junk-dealers and dealers in second-hand personal property, approved March 4, 1896, by adding thereto c section requiring pawnbrokers' places of business to be closed during certain hours, and a section making the displaying of the ordinary signs of a pawnbroker prima facie evidence of guilt in any prosecution. To create a circuit court for Rauford

To allow James Barkley, of Norfolk, Va., to practice veterinary medicine and surgery in the State of Virginia. To amend and re-enact section 1 of an act to authorize the county of Madison to subscribe to the stock of the Madison

City.

and Orange Railroad Company on certain conditions, approved February 29, 18%. To submit the question of a hog-law to the voters of Coles District, Prince William county.

To legalize and make valid a levy made

by the Town Council of Cape Charles in the county of Northampton, in Septem-To amend and re-enact section 3 of an act to amend the charter of the town of Cape Charles, in the county of North-

property in the county of Lee.

To provide for the collection of

To authorize the sale of certain church

quent taxes and levies in the county of Isle of Wight, on property other than real estate. To provide for working vagrants or

public roads in the county of Norfolk.

To validate and confirm an ordinance of the town of Berkley as to taxes omitted to be assessed in the mode pre-scribed by its charter for the years 1890

To allow the Corporation Court of the city of Fredericksburg to appoint one or

more constables.

To create a school district out of the

town and neighborhood of Pennington

Gap, Lee county, Va.
To create Swansboro' District in magis-

terial district in the county of Chester-field; to provide for the appointment of a sanitary officer, and to fix his compen-

To amend and re-enact an act to in-corporate Tanner's Creek Drawbridge

To amend and re-enact section 1243 of

the Code, so as to allow the counties of Floyd, Carroll, and Grayson to subscribe

to the capital stock of the Blue-Ridge

To provide that in addition to the pres

ent inachtedness of the city of Newport

News, and to the certificate of debt or bonds in which the Council is now au-

thorized by law to issue, the Common Council of said city shall be empowered

to cause to be issued for and in the name

of the said city other certificate of debt

To authorize W. B. Carney to erect and

maintain a wharf on his land near Pig

Point, on the Nansemond river, in Nan-

To omend, ratify, and confirm the charter of incorporation granted by C. W. Hill, Judge of the First Judicial Cir-

cuit of Virginia, on March 14, 1894, incorporating the Courtland Lumber Company,

and to extend its powers.

To change the name of Joyner's Store,

in Southampton county, to Sunbeam

from a joint stock company into a social corporation without stock; to extinguish

the existing stock of said corporation

o declare those now entitled to member

ship to be members of said corporation

to continue and to validate the said cor-

poration, its acts and contracts, and to enlarge its powers.

or personal, given by deed or will to a

the Code, in reference to who may prac-tice law in this State.

charged with crime To incorporate the Onancock Telephone

of Several Contributions.

The following letter explains itself:

derman be an infant or adult.

staff officers of the State Militia.

to search-warrants.

in Hanover county.

Mr. John M. Higgins:

and multiply its benefit.

above programme.

Silver Ten This Evening.

Dr. Witherspoon Off for Lynchburg.

To Cure a Celd in One Day

Respectfully, JESSIE FARMER,

BERKELEY HOOPER.

SADIE PRICE.

To Present a Varied Programme.

Association

To authorize the sale of an estate, real

To convert the Lakeside Wheel Club

Railroad Company,

semond county.

voting precinct.

1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, and 1897. To incorporate the Police Benevolent Association of Richmond, Va. To amend and re-enact section 14 of an act relating to the incorporation of the town of Rocky Mount, as to enlarge the

powers of the Council, etc.

To amend the first section of the act approved February 29, 1892, entitled an act to incorporate the town of Glasgow.

2 Pieces of Plush in Black and Cream, former price Sec., Special Sale Price, 10c, 1 Piece Brown Velveteen,

former price 25c.,

nal price \$1. Special Sale Price, 39a

erly 50 and 596 Special Sale Price. -

4 Pieces Colored Brocades former price 75c., Special Sale Price, 50c.

Miller & Rhoads,

folk trustee stock. Accumulations of single pairs put on racks to be sold at half price to close.

SPECIAL FOR TO-DAY: One rack Ladies' and Men's Genuine Felt House Slippers, sewed and well made, should be sold for 50 and 75c. Special for to-day only

Men's Arctic Overshoes (health protector), 75c.

\$1.50. Sale price 75c. Misses' and Children's Rubbers (good), 15c.

All that rack of \$3 and \$4 I a lies' Fine Welted Button, all sizes and

and others. We exchange any at all

Company.

To incorporate the Leesburg and Point Conomy

approved February 6, 1890.

To vest in F. H. Holliday, Mrs. R. A. Campbell, E. T. Jenkins, Samuel N. Kersey, Mrs. A. G. Smith, I. A. Tignor, and RAILROAD ORGANIZED.

To incorporate the Houston Tobacco RALEIGH, N. C., February 17 .- (Spe cial.)-The Raleigh and Cape-Fear rail-To empower the Day's Point Land and way was organized here to-day, with Improvement Company to erect a whart \$200,000 paid up capital. John A. Mills in Pagan creek, in the county of Isle of was elected president and F. T. Ricks secretary and treasurer, It was decided to begin construction here next week. The line will run from Raleigh nearly CUBAN FAMINE RELIEF WORK.

Carolina rallway, the order to take of feet February 22d. Hancock was not Island of Cuba. We present this to them fled this evening, and the directors of his through you, trusting that God may bless road were also notified. Additional contributions have been re-ceived as follows; Rev. J. T. Mastin, 16; Kate S. Bosher, \$1; Dispatch Company. of his wife's nieces, the Misses Abbott Commissioners Caldwell and Pearson discharged all the witnesses Commission

> fertilizer manufacturers is preparing an acceptable freight rate to be submitted

A PRETTY WINSTON WEDDING. Marriage of Mr. Allen and Miss Parnell.

issued 15,000 passes last year.

wedding, the happy pair being Mr. H. D. Allen, a prominent merchant of this place, and Miss Eliza Purnell, one of our fairest young ladies. The ceremony took place at 8 o'clock, in the presence of a large assemblage of the relatives and friends of the contracting parties, and was most solemnly performed by Rev. Oliver Ryder, paster of the church. Miss Flora Powers presided at the organ, and Flora Powers presided at the organical at the proper time the familiar notes of Mendelssohn's wedding march, under her accurate touch, pealed forth from the instrument, and the bridal party entered. First came four little girls dressed in white, and carrying the ribbons. They white, and carrying the ribbons. They were Misses Bertha Allen. Jeannetts Daniel, Willie Green, and Florence Hart. They were followed by the ushers-Messrs. Kimball and Hudson. The others then entered as follows: Miss Alice Andrews and Mark Language Mrs. Nellie derson and Mr. L. L. Jeyner, Miss Nellie Brown of Petersburg and Mr. W. B. Har-rison. Miss Mattie Partin of Enfield and Mr. W. T. Overstreet, Miss Lelia Allen and Mr. W.T. Overstreet, Miss Letta Allen and Mr. Frank Garrett. Then came the bride with her sister, Miss Lucy Purnell, who was maid of honor, and the groom entered with his best man, Mr. A. A. Hawks, of Portsmouth. The ceremony being over the bridal party repaired to the home of the bride, where an absent recently. the bride, where an elegant reception was

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., February 17.

Fire in Newport News.

Great interest is being taken in the tento be given to-night by Miss Starke at the old Curtis mansion, corner Twenty-ninth and Franklin streets, for the benefit of the charity fund of the Old Dominion Hospital. The fifteen tree beds of this hospital are kept constantly filled, and it is a well-known fact that applications come in almost daily from different portions of the State from charity patients. When once they are admitted, there is absolutely no charge to them for anything. The faculty of the Medical College of Virginia furnish their services free, and the hospital gives the board, medicine, and nurses' attention. The Board of Managers of the hospital seek from time to time to add to this fund, and one of the pleasant ways adopted is the holding of teas. Mrs. Starke, having been brought in contact with some of the work done by the hospital, offered her beautiful home for the one that is to be held this evening at 8:30. There will be a musical programme of a choice kind under Captain Cunningham, and a supper of salads, olives, cheese, stews, chocolate, &c. Judge of this judicial circuit, gives general satisfaction to the local bar. Judge Blackstone is generally regarded as an able jurist. At an early hour this morning fire

and a horse valued at \$75 burned to death. It is supposed the building was set on fire by a "hobo." The firemen had great difficulty in keeping the flames from spreading to the restaurant and advanced by the state of the set of the jacent buildings, as the wind was blow

SPECIAL SALE Silks and Dress Goods THIS WEEK.

Miller & Rhoads.

"The Always-Busy Store."

To-day we mention:

Special Sale Price, 10c, 4 Pieces Moire Silks, origi-

8 Pieces Foulard Silks, Blue Grounds with White Figures and Black Grounds with White Figures, form-

3 Pieces Colored Moire Velours, original price \$1.25. Special Sale Price, 85g

# On Broad St., Near Fifth.

REMNANT SHOES from the George R. Whitehurst Nor.

Men, Women, and Children Can Be Fitted,

25c. Sizes 5, 7, 8, 10, 11. THE PAIR.

person for life, with a vested remainder to another, whether the vested remain-Ladies' and Misses' Jersey Leggins, full length, worth from \$1.25 and To amend and re-enact section 317 of the Code of Virginia, in relation to the increase of the number of regimental

To amend and re-enact section 3192 of 1 basket Ladies' Square Toe Patent Tip Button, \$1.25 regular price. Sale

To amend and re-enact sections 3951 and 3553 of the Code of Virginia, in relation To amend and re-enact sections 3955 and styles, reduced from last \$1.97 week \$2.24. Sale price.... 2956 of the Code of Virginia, in relation to process for the arrest of persons



311 EAST BROAD STRFET

J. T. Wingfield, trustees for Slash Chris-Raleigh and Cape-Fear Line-Board tian church, five acres of land, situated of Internal Improvements.

directly southward to Lillington. Work begins at Caraleigh Mills, two miles from Mr. Higgins Acknowledges Receipt Here, to which the Southern railway has Richmond, Va., February 17, 1898. Startling action was taken here to-day of which Governor Russell is presiden Dear Sir,-We have the pleasure to pre-sent you with the enclosed \$10, which is and J. C. L. Harris and C. A. Cooke are members. It removed Robert Hancock as a director of the Atlantic and North the result of our efforts at a party recently given by us to make some money to send to aid those who are starving on the

> says in his letter to the directors: "It would seem that the removal of Han-cock as director will operate as a removal from his office as president, but if you concur in the action of the Boar of Internal Improvements, it may be well for you to pass an order of your board dismissing Hancock as president. This action grows out of the horrible charges made against Hancock by two

> er Abbott had summoned, and then re-fused to adopt his motion that instanted summons be issued for them.
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> A committee of railway officials and to the commission to-morrow.
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> Vice-President St. John testified he had

To Present a Varied Programme.

The arrangements for the grand vaude-ville and burlesque entertainment, to be given at St. Mary's Hall, Marshall street between Third and Fourth streets, tonight, for the benefit of St. Leo's Catholic Club, under the direction of Freeman and Wilson, have been completed. The following attractive programme will be rendered: "Trouble in the Brown Family," a one-act comedy, participated in by Messrs, Lon Wilson, Wilk, Freeman, and Miss Theresa Gerring; the Imperial Quartette, in plantation melodies; Miss Annie Sullivan, soprano solo, with guitar accompaniment; Mr. J. M. Sale, artistic club and lantern swinging; Master, Eddde Fischer, the boy tenor, "The Last Kiss"; Freeman and Wilson, comedians, "In a Little of Everything," introducing their latest song, "His Remedies"; Mr. J. A. Page, topical songs, banjo accompaniment; the Bohemian Musical Club, in popular selections; Mr. Will Toler, in the beautiful descriptive song, "Faces We've Missed from the Stage"; Mr. J. M. Ryall, character comedian, in up-to-date monologue. The performance to conclude with a roaring farce, entitled "Dot Boy Got Flour," in which the well-known and popular comedians, Lon Wilson, Wilkie Freeman, and John M. Ryall, will take part.

From the encouraging reports made to WELDON, N. C., February 17 .- (Special.)-The Methodist Episcopal church was the scene last night of a very pretty art.

From the encouraging reports made to the committee in charge of this enter-ainment of the sale of tickets, it is safe to say that the hall will be well filled with an audience that will be delighted and pleased with the rendition of the player programme.

(Special.)—The election by the General Assembly to-day of Judge J. W. G. Blackstone, of Accomac county, to suc-ceed the late Benjamin T. Gunter 25

broke out in a stable adjacent to Mcs. Maggie Blaney's restaurant, on Thirty-sixth street. The stable was destroyed

Rev. Dr. Jere Witherspoon, pastor or Grace-Street Presbyterian church, wiil leave this morning for Lynchburg, whither he goes to deliver an address tonight before the State Convention of Young Men's Christian Associations. He will return to the city to morrow morning, and occupy his pulpit Sunday. take Laxative Brimo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it falls to cure. 25c. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.